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NDE SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

The Nebraska Department of Education released a draft of the proposed revisions to the Nebraska Social Studies Standards and is seeking input from the public. The proposed revisions outline the expectations for what students will learn in civics, economics, geography, U.S. history, and world history for grades K-12 in order to be college, career, and civic ready upon high school graduation.

State law requires updates to the social studies standards every seven years. Once approved by the State Board of Education the standards create the framework for social studies education in Nebraska. Input from social studies educators, higher education, and community organizations was used to develop the current draft. Approval for the standards is expected in the fall of 2019.

Nebraska content area standards reflect the knowledge and skills students are expected to learn in a given content area. By setting clear benchmarks for learning, content area standards provide guidance to teachers as they develop learning experiences. Standards do not prescribe particular curriculum, lessons, teaching techniques, or activities. Decisions about curriculum and instruction are made locally by individual school districts and classroom teachers.

The draft Social Studies Standards are available for review and input at https://nde.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5nVd7KeiGybGmUZ

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